

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement/Election

Claims 1-194 are presently pending in the Application. In the Office Action, the Examiner requires that the pending claims be restricted to one of three groups, which are identified in the Office Action as follows:

- I. Claims 1-75, 117-177 and 193-194;
- II. Claims 76-113 and 178-192; and
- III. Claims 114-116.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-75, 117-177 and 193-194), without traverse, and withdraw the claims of Group II (claims 76-113 and 178-186) and Group III (claims 114-116) from consideration.

Species Election

Regarding the claims of Group I, for purposes of examination, the Examiner further requires Applicants to elect one of two species, which are identified in the Office Action as follows:

Group Ia: Claims 117-141, 157-177, 193-194 (and corresponding product claims 1-33), drawn to a species of making optical elements including forming at least a partial coating adapted to polarize at least transmitted radiation on at least a portion of at least one exterior surface of an ophthalmic element; and

Group Ib: Claims 142-156 (and corresponding product claims 34-75), drawn to a species of making optical elements including imparting at least one orientation facility comprising a partial coating comprising an alignment medium.

Applicants hereby elect the species indicated in the Office Action as Group Ia. Claims readable on species Group Ia are indicated by the Examiner to include claims 117-141, 157-177, 193-194 and corresponding product claims 1-33.

Applicants hereby withdraw from consideration the claims indicated by the Examiner to be readable on species Group Ib (claims 142-156 and corresponding

product claims 34-75) without prejudice to reinstatement on allowance of a generic claim. Although the Examiner has not identified any claims as being generic, as indicated in the Office Action, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional, non-elected species that are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants have elected herein claims 1-33, 117-141, 157-177 and 193-194 for further prosecution in the Application, and withdrawn the remaining non-elected claims from consideration.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the foregoing election, or if the undersigned can be of any assistance to the Examiner in addressing any remaining issue to advance the Application to allowance, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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